

Highlights from the 2008 U.S. News & World Report Medicaid Managed Care Plan Rankings

U.S. News & World Report, and the National Committee for Quality Assurance, teamed up for the fourth year in a row to rank healthcare plans. The rankings are designed to “show how well plans do at preventing and treating illness and providing consumer services to members.”

According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), there are 143 Medicaid Managed Care Organizations in the United States. (*Information provided by CMS to DMAS*)

The 2008 U.S. News & World Report Rankings include the following highlights:

80 Medicaid MCOs were ranked, with the remaining plans either having insufficient data or the plan did not report their data for consideration

Of the 80 plans that were ranked, 65 are NCQA accredited and 15 are not

All Virginia plans, with the exception of AMERIGROUP, received a numerical rank. AMERIGROUP is accredited by NCQA as a new health plan, and as such, the data were insufficient for AMERIGROUP to receive a ranking.

The Virginia Medicaid MCOs were listed in the rankings (out of 80 plans ranked) as follows:

Virginia Premier #24
Optima #27
Anthem #32
Southern Health Services #47

AMERIGROUP does not have a ranking since they are still accredited by NCQA as a new health plan

Other facts from NCQA:

- 74 Medicaid MCOs in the United States are NCQA Accredited
- Virginia is one of 24 states that requires Medicaid MCOs to be NCQA accredited
- Virginia is one of 20 states that requires HEDIS reporting for Medicaid Managed Care Plans